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## MIKE MULDOON.

He Corresponds to the Highest Estimate of True Christian Manhood.

Deserved Tribute to One of Our Most Successful and Progressive Citizens.

This Country Is Dotted Over With Samples of His Monument Building.

BORN IN COUNTY CAVAN, IRELAND

Col. Mike Muldoon, as he is popularly called, is one of our leading citizens. He has devoted himself solely to business and home life, though he has always been zealous in a quiet way in all Irish-American affairs. Col. Muldoon was one of the originators of the Irish-American Society of this city and was its first President. His genial nature and progressiveness have given him a host of friends at home and abroad, as indicated by the following from the Indianapolis Pen Magazine, which we take pleasure in publishing:

This issue of the Pen Magazine is adorned with an excellent portrait of Col. M. M. Muldoon, of Louisville, Ky., whose professional, business and social standing singles him out for a large share of public recognition. It is not of his choice nor is it to his liking to be personally mentioned in the public prints. He would rather hide his personality as much as possible—a fact which may be inferred from his entitling his business enterprise as the "Muldoon Monument Company," when in fact there is no company or partnership, he himself being, to use a phrase, "the whole thing." But so extensive and high-class is his business, and so remarkable has been his success that, of necessity, both himself and his calling have become shining marks, inviting the pens of editors and sketch writers everywhere.

The spacious headquarters of Col. Muldoon's business are at 322, 324, 326 and 328 West Green street, Louisville, Ky. Although stocked with an extensive array of samples of his finished work in statuary, sculpture and monuments, it in no sense is intended to represent the vastness of the enterprise or the high degree of art to which he has attained. It is rather intended to be the home office for the designing department and for the execution of the smaller sculptures and statuary and the private office of Mr. Muldoon himself. At the quarries in the East and in Italy where he has studios at Carrara, and to which country he has journeyed more than forty times, is where the greater part of the heavy and finer work is done. By the heavy work, etc., is meant the great monument shafts and bases and the heroic statues which very often must be hewn out of one huge block of granite or marble, as was the case with the roof-stone of the beautiful Mackay mausoleum recently erected by Col. Muldoon in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. The mausoleum is the finest, the most artistic and architecturally perfect, and the most expensive private memorial in America. It is of granite, and its roof-stone, above referred to, is the largest solid piece of granite ever quarried in the United States, it being twenty feet six inches square.

The whole country is dotted over with samples of Col. Muldoon's genius and enterprise in sculpture, statuary and mausoleum and monument building. The largest and most perfectly designed and constructed of the States' and Soldiers' monuments both North and South, the monuments and mausoleums of public men and of private citizens of note, are the work of the gentleman here mentioned and attest his great skill and enterprise, particularly during the past forty years. Like the Temple builders of Judea, like the beautifiers of ancient Babylon and the ambitious builders of the Pyramids, he goes to every clime for his material, and controls the master minds and the master hands of two continents in the designing and execution of his great works. His name has therefore become inseparably linked with those beautiful, artistic monuments that so eloquently express the patriotic sentiments and appreciation of the American people.

Col. Muldoon was born in the County Cavan, Ireland, in 1836. When a boy of thirteen he started out to seek his fortune, which, of course, necessitated his leaving his native land, for Britain has destroyed the future of every Irishman who does not forswear himself and his country. The boy's quest was trying at times, but glints of sunshine continued at intervals to light up his way. He stumbled, or was led by Providence, into his present calling nearly fifty years ago, beginning away down at the very bottom. The story, as the writer has heard it from an Ohio gentleman, of Col. Muldoon's climbing to the very top, where we now find him, would make a very thrilling narrative, but would be out of place in this passing mention. It may also be foreign to this sketch to mention his other business interests, but our Kentucky neighbors might regard it as a slight were we not to state that Col. Muldoon is a member of the Executive Board, the Board of Control and the Board of Directors of the Mutual Life

Insurance Company of Kentucky, and that he is also a stockholder in the Falls Cities Car-works.

When well advanced in young manhood he married an excellent Kentucky lady, made his home in Louisville and reared a family of four children. One daughter, now married, is a lady of considerable artistic skill, while another, Miss Anita, is the far-famed vocalist of Kentucky. Being a musical artist of the first rank, and having been schooled in the rarest accomplishments, she merits and receives the hearty applause of all Kentuckians—the most appreciative and proud-spirited people in the world.

Descended of good old Celtic stock, Col. Muldoon, possesses in their fullness the high characteristics of that ancient race. Among these traits are honor, principle, devotion to duty, faithfulness, loyalty, generosity and an abiding respect for religion and virtue. Poverty, even the most abject, has never been able to obliterate these essential elements of Irish character, but enforced ignorance—the result of putting a price upon schoolmasters' heads—has sometimes succeeded in blurring them to some extent. When therefore we consider that for nearly fifty years the subject of this

## THE HOLY FATHER.

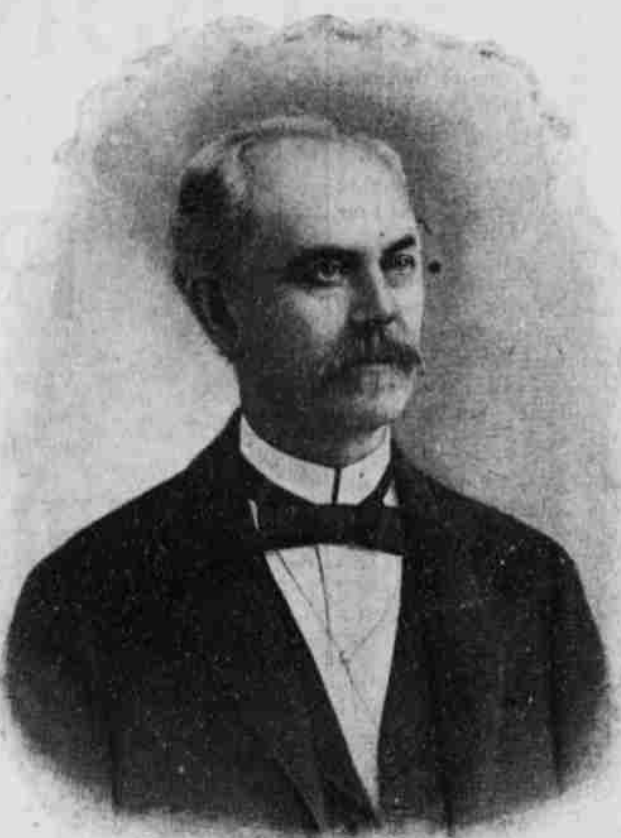
Pope Celebrates the Twentieth Anniversary of His Coronation.

Impressive Scene at St. Peter's When His Holiness Officiated at Thanksgiving Mass.

Supreme Pontiff Showed Great Vigor as He Gave His Blessing to the Multitude.

A MOST MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE.

With that pomp and circumstance which can only be reached in Rome and in the glorious edifice of St. Peter's, Pope



COL. MICHAEL MULDOON.

sketch has been a constant student and traveler—a visitor to the cultured nations; when we know that he has met the greatest men of two worlds and has associated constantly with artists and men of genius and education—with men who possess the taste and the means to cultivate and enjoy the highest and the best; and when to this schooling we add the later influence of Kentucky atmosphere, it is not to be wondered at that besides varied knowledge and critical skill we find in the person of Col. Muldoon not a mere Chesterfield, which means formalism and little else, but rather a man who corresponds to the highest estimate of true Christian manhood—the gentleman by excellence.

"I dare do all that may become a man; Who dares do more is none."—Shak.

## CATHOLIC KNIGHTS.

Progress Being Made for the Entertainment—Branch News Notes.

The meeting of the United Committee of the Catholic Knights of America in St. Martin's Hall Wednesday evening was well attended, and the members are jubilant over the progress being made for the coming entertainment. The committee are taking hold of the work in such a way that its success is assured. The session was not only a business, but also a social one. Branch 6 always has something in store for visitors, and on this occasion Messrs. Feldhaus, Wernert, Reichert and others surprised all present by turning the meeting into a smoker, with an abundance of refreshments, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The next meeting will be held at St. Francis' Hall Thursday evening, April 27, and representatives of all branches are urged to attend.

Treasurer Smith gave some very plain figures as to the rates and advantages of the order.

Branch 23 had a very interesting and well-attended meeting Monday evening. The resolutions forwarded by Branch 25 to the Supreme Council are full of interest and should be studied.

President John McGinn, of Branch 24, is a hustler, and his services are proving valuable to the united committee.

Branch 24 will meet in its new hall on Sunday afternoon, May 7. Great interest will be taken in the work of the state convention. The action and vote of each delegate will be watched by the membership at large.

**KNIGHTS OF THE ROYAL ARCH.**

The Knights of the Royal Arch initiated ten new members Wednesday evening. This is a new organization composed of the better class of saloon-keepers and bartenders, and is in a flourishing condition. Besides the social features of the society the Knights provide for sick and death benefits. Mr. Emil Graeser is the Recorder of the local body.

Leo celebrated last Sunday the twentieth anniversary of his accession to the Papal throne.

A special cable dispatch describing the beauty and dignity of the stately ceremonies attending so important an occasion says the Pontiff bore himself throughout the exciting scenes of cheering and cannonading with an ease and reserve that speak well for the vital forces of the aged prelate, whose health is of so much interest to the Christian world.

The procession passed up between a double line of troops around the high altar to the throne on which the Pope sat, with the Sacred College in front of him.

On right and left, when his Holiness appeared, carried on sedia gestatoria, there were cries of "Long live the Pope and King!" and cheers, mingled with martial music, went up through the vast edifice, re-echoing with the mighty roar of a thousand voices.

It was a grand and impressive sight, a magnificent one of color being contributed by the Noble Guard in gala uniform, and the Canons, Bishops, Archbishops and Cardinals in their robes.

While mass was being said the bells all over Rome rang.

The Pope looked restored to his ordinary health, showing great vigor, expression and movement as he gave his blessing to the multitude.

## AGAINST ALLIANCE

As Long As Any One Power Is Singled Out For the United States.

Press dispatches say Chicago is to be the center of a great union of organizations composed of German-Americans who are antagonistic to any plans that would bring about an alliance between the United States and a foreign power. This was the enthusiastic sentiment of the representatives of two score German societies Monday night at Schiller Hall. Offers of hearty co-operation were received from half a dozen cities scattered throughout the country, and promises made that if the initiative were undertaken by Chicago against an Anglo-American pact or any other agreement that would embarrass the nation the German-Americans in other cities would speedily follow the example. A permanent organization resulted directly from the gathering. Thirty delegates were appointed on a General Committee to superintend the details of forming the society. Resolutions were adopted denouncing in vigorous language any attempt to interfere with the good relations existing between the United States and other nations by singling out any one power as an ally.

## EUCHRE AND DANCING.

The last euchre and dance of the season at Hibernian Hall will take place

Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Those previously given have proven very pleasant, and this one will be no exception to the rule. Prof. Scally's orchestra will furnish the latest dance music. Admission will be by invitation, which can be procured by calling at the hall. There will also be a meeting of the ladies of the auxiliary Sunday afternoon, and all are urged to attend.

## FRANKFORT.

Candidates For Governor Will Address the Voters—General News Gossip.

[Special Correspondence to the Kentucky Irish American.]

FRANKFORT, KY., April 21.—Monday, May 1, will be celebrated in fine style in the gay Capital City. Messrs. Stone, Hardin and Goebel, candidates for Governor of Kentucky, will address the voters of Frankfort and vicinity. Dewey day will also be appropriately celebrated on that day. The programme for the day, as outlined by the promoters, embraces a parade in the morning and a big barbecue at noon, followed by speeches by Messrs. Goebel, Hardin, Stone, Scott and possibly the Hon. John Rhea and Congressman Evan Settle, of the Seventh district. Taken all in all, May 1 promises to be a big day in Frankfort, and hundreds of voters will undoubtedly be here on that occasion.

Mr. W. L. Cushing was last week appointed Louisville representative of the Kentucky Supply Company, and left Saturday for the Falls City. Mr. W. D. Lewis succeeds Mr. Cushing as local manager for the company.

The genial and handsome County President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians now spends Sunday in Frankfort, and it is said that he also takes long drives in the afternoon, and that he is not always alone.

The many friends of Col. Mart O'Brien will regret to hear that he on Monday last enlisted in the regular army, and will in a few days leave for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., where his regiment is located.

P. Coleman, Sr., left last week for a three weeks' business trip to New Castle, Ky.

W. C. Newman and W. A. Lutkeman spent Sunday last in Louisville.

Patrick Phidie left two weeks ago for Cincinnati, where he will reside in the future.

Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians contemplates running an excursion to either Louisville or Cincinnati about the second Sunday in May.

The initial hop given by the Merry Young Bachelors at A. O. H. Hall last Thursday night was a grand success. Quite a large crowd attended and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has extended to State officers of the order and the editor of the Kentucky Irish American a cordial invitation to spend some Sunday in the near future in Frankfort.

A very strong baseball team will be organized from members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians next week and the club will go into practice at once. The first game of the season will probably be played with the Young Men's Institute team of this city, after which the club will visit surrounding towns.

There seems to be quite an attraction in Lexington for Johnnie Dolan. He will go up again Sunday.

W. D. Lewis will spend Sunday at Payne's depot visiting friends.

President McMillott and Treasurer O'Brien of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will take in the Louisville Derby, May 4.

James Cushing will spend several weeks at Coleman Springs for his health. D. J. M.



MACKAY MAUSOLEUM.

Recently Erected by Col. Mike Muldoon in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

**WOULD HAVE WON IT.**

The friends of Dan Doherty, the popular Deputy Assessor, are sympathizing with him that he did not win the pony that was raffled off at the St. Louis Bertrand church bazaar this week, he being greatly attached to it, having had it in charge since its arrival here. Mike Walsh, President of the Rounders' Club, of which Dan is a member, says that he is not one of the sympathizing friends. On the contrary, he is glad now that Dan has to walk in making his rounds like the rest of the club members instead of riding around with the pony and cart, as he has been doing for some time.

Don't miss the Dominican church fair.

## VINDICATED.

Col. John Whallen Receives a Certificate from the Louisville Evening Times.

His Damage Suit Against the Paper that Libeled Him Has Been Dismissed.

The Entire Trouble Grew Out of the Fight for the City Printing.

TAKES BACK EVERY THING IT SAID.

Col. John Whallen is vindicated, so his friends say, since the Louisville Times Company through its attorneys has con-

knowledge satisfaction, and on his motion this action is dismissed.

Of course this order dismissing the suit would never have been entered if Col. Whallen had not agreed. It simply shows his generosity to enemies as well as friends. He would undoubtedly have won his suit had he carried it to a conclusion, but when the Times confessed that it labored "under a misapprehension of facts," as it often does, Col. Whallen promptly dropped the suit. In any event, the editor of the Times will be more careful in future when he undertakes to traduce people, even if they are only Irish-Americans.

## HORSESHOERS.

Their National Convention Will Be Held Here Next Month.

The annual convention of the International Union of Journeymen Horseshoers will be held in this city next month, and the members of the local union are working like beavers to complete arrangements



COL. JOHN H. WHALLEN.

fessed that the libelous charges made against him some time ago were untrue. The Kentucky Irish American can not see where the vindication comes in, as there was really nothing charged against him that should cause him to seek a vindication. But, call it vindication or whatever you will, the Times has confessed that it erred. The confession was made in open court, and Col. Whallen's suit against the Times was thus settled without a trial.

The Kentucky Irish American has taken no side in the petty quarrels between the Times and the Courier-Journal on the one hand and the Post and the Dispatch on the other. The public is not interested in the quarrels of newspaper men, but the editors of these rival journals should be careful not to recklessly malign any one, and when any Irishman or Irish-American is drawn into the fight, the Kentucky Irish American will take up his defense.

Col. Whallen needs no defense from this paper. He is too well known in Irish-American circles for any harm to come to him among his own people through the columns of the press. Yet the Times made a false accusation against him, and there were people in this community foolish enough to believe the accuracy of the story.

A year ago a fight was on between the rival Democratic papers for the city printing. Either the Times or the Courier-Journal had the city printing from time immemorial and did not want to lose it.

Col. Whallen took the Dispatch end of it and the Dispatch won. While the fight was on an editorial paragraph appeared in the columns of the Times one day to the effect that Col. Whallen had called a meeting of the friends of the Dispatch to be held at Dr. Buschmeyer's office that night. The man who wrote the paragraph knew it was not so when he wrote it, but that same man, who has never lost an opportunity to take a fling at the Irish or Irish-American, wrote a deliberate untruth about Col. Whallen.

The latter promptly responded with a \$25,000 damage suit. The case dragged along for several months. The Times people tried in vain to drag the Dispatch into the fight and failed.

Last Monday the attorneys for the Times walked into court and had the following order entered:

"This day came the defendant by counsel, and came also the plaintiff by counsel, and on motion of defendant, and by leave of court, the defendant withdraws and retracts the answer filed herein, and acknowledges in open court that the publication complained of was made under a misapprehension of the facts, and that had the facts then been fully known to the defendant the statements complained of would not have been made. And it is agreed on the part of the defendant that this order shall be published by defendant with substantially equal prominence as the article complained of was published by it.

"Thereupon plaintiff by counsel ac-

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## TONY'S BOWLING ALLEY.

One of the Most Complete Pleasure Resorts Ever Opened in Louisville.

The immense crowd of representative citizens who assembled at Mr. Montedonico's palatial building on Jefferson street, between Fourth and Fifth, to witness the opening of the finest bowling alley in the Southwest, shows something of the success in which Mr. Montedonico is held by his fellow-citizens. The music, the appropriate floral designs and last, but not least, the spread were all in exact keeping with the elegant surroundings. The alley is sixty-nine feet long, and a regulation alley. It is lighted by electricity with all modern conveniences, and lovers of this sport, which is becoming so popular, can find no better place in the city to pass away a pleasant hour. The alley is in the rear of 428 West Jefferson street, a spacious and well-furnished sitting room in the center, while the bar in front is supplied with the very finest of imported and domestic wines, liquors and cigars. Mr. Montedonico is, in every sense of the word, a public-spirited man, and is engaged in many enterprises which advance the general prosperity of the city.

## WALSH THE TAILOR.

"Walsh the Tailor," located at 232 Fourth avenue, has for years been the recognized connoisseur in all the latest styles in imported and domestic goods. It you purchase a new suit and get it made at Walsh's, it's all right. His trade is not confined to Louisville, but to the entire Southwest. Mr. J. E. Baker, for years connected with the tailoring business, is with Mr. Walsh, and his long list of friends will find him as polite and affable as in days gone by. Drop in as you pass by and examine the new and elegant spring designs. After you have examined, then leave your order.

## SHELBYVILLE.

Breezy Budget of News and Gossip From Another Bluegrass Correspondent.

The Kentucky Irish American Rapidly Winning Its Way to the Top Rung.

A City of Fine Schools and Two Churches Ambitious to Surpass Frankfort.

DEATH OF A RESPECTED CITIZEN.

[Special Letter to the Kentucky Irish American.]

SHELBYVILLE, KY., April 21.—In the last issue of the Kentucky Irish American we noticed that a correspondent from this town was hoped for by the editor. Until some one more competent enters the field we trust the readers of the paper will bear with us in our efforts to give some items of interest from time to time. Fully conscious of our inability to do justice to the work expected of the correspondent, yet hoping that no one may remind us that "fools are ever ready to rush in where angels fear to tread," we make our bow to all, from the "devil" down to the editor. Shelbyville is one of the most beautiful towns of the famed Bluegrass region, and as a consequence of all Kentucky. With a population of about 5,000, it possesses many schools of high grade and churches of all denominations.

The Catholic church, of which Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald is the pastor, is one of the prettiest in the city. The congregation, though very small, can justly hold its own with congregations of greater numbers and richer members. The church was dedicated on October 2, 1890, by the Right Rev. Bishop Spalding, who afterward became the famous Archbishop of Baltimore.

During the past week death called from our midst Maurice Condon, who died at the residence of his son-in-law, John Fitzgibbon, having been fortified by the rites of the church. The funeral took place on Sunday from the Dominican church, Louisville, and after mass the interment was in St. Louis cemetery.

I was very much pleased to see a notice in your paper a few weeks ago where some of your good and patriotic Irishmen were forming an Irish Gaelic League for the teaching of the old language. Good! and I trust Prof. Patrick O'Sullivan will push matters and soon have a large class of both young and old to enjoy the beauties of their mother tongue, as unfortunately we have too long neglected it, and let the "Sassanna" try to kill it, but thank goodness a day of reckoning is fast coming when the Gaelic League of America and the old sound will bring disagreeable facts to his narrow and bigoted mind. Keep the good cause a moving, Prof. O'Sullivan, Thig-in-thu!

Col. John M. Casey is very enthusiastic in his efforts to obtain subscribers for the Kentucky Irish American. He is ready to receive subscriptions, as he is ever ready to help in every good cause. A successful business man, the Colonel is always sure to know a good thing and prompt to encourage it, both by word and action. Later on, when we have somewhat recovered from the fright naturally arising from our first efforts in the editorial line, we intend to give a more interesting and lengthy notice of this worthy young Irishman.

The Kentucky Irish American has been received with favor by many readers here, and doubtless many more subscribers will be added. Our future letters we will try to make more interesting, since our aim is to outdo the Frankfort correspondent in the same proportion that our beautiful city surpasses the town which claims the Franklin county court house. Success to the Kentucky Irish American, its editor, correspondents and readers.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

The many friends of Miss Ella Steele and of Mrs. P. O'Connor will be pleased to hear that both are very much improved after a severe attack of sickness; the former, in fact, is entirely restored to health.

Messrs. M. J., J. C. and W. H. Harris spent Sunday at Fisherville.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Williams, of Eminence, visited Mr. P. O'Connor's family the first of the week.

Mr. Joe Lynch, of Division 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Louisville, paid a flying trip to friends and relatives here last week. Come again, Joe.

Mr. M. J. McCLUSKEY, of Louisville, was here the first of the week.

Mrs. Daniel O'Sullivan and grandson, Master Jamie, are visiting friends and relatives in Louisville this week.

Hon. John Foley and wife, of Indianapolis, and the Misses O'Brien, of Louisville, spent Sunday with Mr. Garrett Lee's family.

Miss Maggie Heffernan returned to her home in Louisville after a two-months' visit to friends and relatives in the country.

Miss Josie Hurley has returned from the East, where she has been attending the millinery openings.

SHAN VAN VOUGHT.

Never contradict a woman. Give her time and she'll contradict herself.